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PREFACE

THE 129th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, meeting at Dallas, Texas, in a solemn and impressive service held on Monday afternoon, May 21, 1917, placed the entire resources of the Church at the disposal of the Government in carrying on the present war. A National Service Commission was appointed and instructed to call upon any or all of the agencies and resources of the Church for their help in the present crisis.

The Commission has undertaken a comprehensive work covering every phase of the national and international situation in which the Church of Jesus Christ may properly be engaged. One of its tasks is to follow, with its special interest, the sons of the Church who may have enlisted as soldiers and sailors. The Commission, therefore, has authorized, through the loyal coöperation of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, the publication of this abridgment of the Book of Common Worship. It is hoped and believed that this already approved volume will find a worthy place in camp and field and on shipboard, in supplying definite spiritual needs on the part of enlisted men and in furnishing suitable material, including an appropriate form of worship, to those who are engaged in special religious work for the men.

To the authorized Book of Common Worship the words of a few appropriate hymns have been added, as well as some additional prayers suitable for the soldier and the sailor.

This book is sent forth with the prayer of the National Service Commission that its pages may be the means of guidance, strength, comfort, hope, and everlasting life to those who read them.

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AN ORDER OF WORSHIP

ON THE LORD'S DAY.

¶ *The Service may begin with the Singing of*

A Hymn.

¶ *After which, the Minister, or Leader, standing, may read one or more of the following*

Sentences.

MORNING.

THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, saith the Lord Jesus, there am I in the midst of them.

This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

Having these promises, let us draw near to the throne of grace with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

EVENING.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Lord, I cry unto Thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.

Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge, and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

¶ *Then shall he say,*

Let us pray.

¶ *And all the company shall follow in their hearts, one of these Prayers, and then join audibly in the* LORD'S PRAYER.

PRAYERS.

MOST holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess in Thy Presence: Our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; And all our shortcomings and offenses against Thee. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned: In wandering from Thy ways; In wasting Thy gifts; In forgetting Thy love. But Thou, O Lord, have pity upon us; Who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins; For the sake of Thy dear Son our Saviour. And O most holy and loving Father; Send Thy purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech Thee; That we may henceforth live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ETERNAL God, in whom we live and move and have our being; whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; Cleanse us, we beseech Thee, from all the defilements of this day, and deliver us from all proud thoughts and vain desires; that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to Thee in prayer, confessing our sins, confiding in Thy grace, and finding in Thee our refuge and our strength, our hope and our salvation; through Jesus Christ Thy Son. *Amen.*

O GOD, Light of the hearts that see Thee, and Life of the souls that love Thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee; from whom to be turned away is to fall, to

whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever; Grant us now Thy forgiveness and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer up our confession and supplications; and though we are unworthy to approach Thee, or to ask anything of Thee at all, vouchsafe to hear and to answer us, for the sake of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning; We beseech Thee to look in mercy upon us, Thy sinful and wayward children: and so direct the eyes of our faith unto Thee, that at all times we may receive a heavenly illumination, through Thy Word and Spirit; and walk securely, in confidence and peace, amid the shadows of this mortal life. And more especially at this hour of the evening sacrifice, bestow upon us the pardon of our sins, and such a vision of the truth as it is in Jesus, that the darkness of evil may be driven from our hearts, and we may render unto Thee songs of praise; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

The Psalter.

¶ *A portion of the* Psalter *may then be read by the Leader, or recited responsively, closing with this* Ascription:

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures.

¶ *The Leader shall choose and read an appropriate lesson, or lessons, from the Bible, saying before he reads,* Let us listen reverently to the Holy Scripture, as it is written in the ——— chapter of ———; *and after the reading he shall say,* May God bless, to all our hearts, the reading of His Word.

¶ *Let all the company, standing, repeat together*

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Leader shall choose from the following Prayers such as are appropriate and of convenient length; saying,*

Let us pray.

Prayers.

SUPPLICATIONS.

O GOD, most holy, wise, and powerful Preserver and Governor of all Thy creatures and all their actions; Keep us this day in health of body and soundness of mind, in purity of heart and cheerfulness of spirit, in contentment with our lot and charity with our neighbour; and further all our lawful undertakings with Thy blessing. In our labour strengthen us: in our pleasure purify us: in our difficulties direct us: in our perils defend us: in our troubles comfort us: and supply all our needs, according to the riches of Thy grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who art ever ready to give good things to them that ask Thee; Hear the supplications of Thy children, in our weakness and ignorance, and supply all our needs, in body and in soul, according to

Thy knowledge of our necessities and the fulness of Thy love. Strengthen us to keep Thy commandments: deliver us from our infirmities; and uphold us with Thy free Spirit. Enable us for those duties which Thou hast laid upon us, that our work being well done, we may enjoy the fruit of our labour, in a good conscience and a contented mind. And so direct us in all our ways, that we may have the light of Thy Word upon our path, and the fellowship of Thy Spirit in our hearts, and may ever continue among the faithful followers of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU most wise and ever-gracious Lord, the Framer of our bodies and the Father of our spirits, who hast kept our souls in life and guided our feet into these gates of Prayer: We pray for each other, all for each, that Thou wouldest bless us outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls: grant us good success in all our labours, and bring us to Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Traveller's Prayer.

LORD God omnipotent, who reignest in the heavens and on the earth; We implore Thy guidance and protection for all our journeyings. Against all perils be Thou our strong defense, and in far regions be Thou our faithful friend; keep us in health and heart; prosper the ends of our adventure, and make the way of our going and of our returning both safe and happy; and so direct the steps of all Thy pilgrims through this world, that we shall finally arrive in the better country, even the heavenly, with Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer at Sea.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; We commend ourselves to Thine almighty protection on the great deep. Guard us, we beseech Thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, from every evil; and conduct us in safety to our desired haven, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INTERCESSIONS.

A General Intercession.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast established our Nation in freedom and righteousness; We pray Thee to fire the heart of her government and people with that holy faith and courage which made her fathers strong in the day of battle: that, whether they labour at home or follow her flag into far seas and foreign countries, their labours may be blest of Thee, and her unstained flag may be the symbol of justice and strength. Give wisdom and grace to Thy servant the President of the United States and unity to her councils. Uplift all hearts to the inspiration of those great ideals of liberty and truth for which so many

lives have been laid down; and grant that the sacrifice may be crowned with victory. Sustain the army and navy by Thy right arm. Proclaim Thy power among the nations; reveal Thy glory among all peoples; and turn the hearts of the enemy; till the world shall be filled with the light of Thy righteousness, and all men shall dwell together in the safety of Thy peace. For Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Friends and Kindred.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, bless and keep, we pray Thee, our kindred, friends, and benefactors, and graciously watch between them and us, while we are absent one from another, that in due time we may meet again to praise Thee, and hereafter dwell together in heavenly mansions; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Prayer in the Morning.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father and Preserver; We give Thee thanks that of Thy goodness Thou hast watched over us the past night, and brought us to a new day: and we beseech Thee to strengthen and guard us by Thy Spirit, that we may spend it wholly in Thy service and to Thy glory, looking for all prosperity to Thy blessing, and seeking only those things which are well-pleasing in Thy sight. Enable us, O Lord, while we labour for the life that now is, ever to have regard unto that heavenly life which Thou hast promised Thy children. Defend us in soul and body from all harm. And seeing it is a small thing to have begun well, except we also persevere, take us, O Lord, into Thy good keeping this day and all our days: continue and increase Thy grace within us, until we shall be perfectly united in the glory of Thy Son. Show Thy loving-kindness unto all men and women and little children, according to the need of every living soul, especially unto those whom we love, and those who are in any kind of trouble or distress, whom we now remember silently before Thee: [*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence:*] Protect our country and prosper Thy Church: Bless all who do good in the world, and restrain and convert all who do evil. And finally, be pleased to cast out of Thy remembrance all our past offenses, forgiving them in Thy boundless mercy and

purifying our hearts that we may lead a better life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Prayer in the Evening.

O GOD most merciful, Light eternal in the darkness shining, by whom the night of sin and the blindness of our hearts are driven away: Since Thou hast appointed the day for labour and the night for rest; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that our bodies may repose in peace and quietness, that afterward they may be able to endure the toil which Thou hast laid upon us in Thy service: Temper our sleep that it be not disorderly, and keep us spotless both in body and in soul, that our very rest may be to Thy glory, renewing the strength of our hearts and our joy in Thee: Enlighten the eyes of our understanding that we may not sleep in death, but obtain deliverance, through faith and hope, from all fear of this misery: Defend us against all assaults of our enemies, and take us into Thy holy protection. And although we have not passed this day without greatly sinning against Thee, we beseech Thee to hide our sins with Thy mercy, as Thou coverest all things on earth with the darkness of the night, that they may be blotted out from Thy remembrance, and we may abide in Thy Presence and Thy favour, both now and for evermore. Relieve and comfort, with Thy fatherly goodness, all who are afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate: Protect and prosper, with Thine almighty power, our country and our rulers, the whole Church of Christ on earth, our home, and all that we hold dear and sacred: Be pleased to guard and help those whom we silently remember before Thee: [*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence:*] Bless us and keep us, watch over us and save us, O God in whom we trust; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; grant-

ing us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung*

A Hymn.

¶ *After which the Leader, or some one thereto appointed, may deliver*

The Sermon or Address.

¶ *After the Sermon may be sung*

A Hymn.

¶ *And after it the Leader shall use one of the following Prayers; saying,*

Let us pray.

The Closing Prayer.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET Thy Gospel, O Lord, come unto us not in word only but in power, and in much assurance, and in the Holy Ghost, that we may be guided into all truth, and strengthened unto all obedience and enduring of Thy will with joyfulness; that, abounding in the work of faith, and the labour of love, and the patience of hope, we may finally be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Thee; Be Thou our strength every morning, and our rest when the shadows of the evening are stretched out, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

ETERNAL and ever-blessed God, who art the Author of our life, and the End of our pilgrimage; We beseech Thee so to guide us by Thy Word and Spirit, amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from Thy way, nor stumble upon the dark mountains; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in Thee; through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD God, the Light of the faithful, the Strength of those who labour, and the Repose of the blessed dead; We bless Thee for all Thy saints who have witnessed in their lives a good confession, and especially for those dear unto us who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Grant us grace, O Lord, so to follow their good example, that we may be one with them in spirit, and finally share in their eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *And the Prayer shall close with the Benediction, if there be a Minister present, or with this*

ASCRIPTION.

NOW unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

THE COMMANDMENTS.

¶ *This Order may be used as a separate Service: or in place of the Sunday Service down to the Hymn before the Sermon.*

¶ *After the singing of*

A Hymn

¶ *Let the Leader read the* Sentences, *the company answering him.*

Leader. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Answer. *Order my steps in Thy Word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.*

Leader. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies: and that seek Him with the whole heart.

Answer. *With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments.*

¶ *Then the Leader shall say,*

Let us pray.

The Invocation.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Leader shall read* The Ten Commandments, *and the company shall, after every Commandment, ask God's mercy for their transgressions in time past, and grace to keep the Law in time to come.*

GOD spake all these words, saying,

I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in

the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not kill.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

¶ *Then the Leader shall say,*

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *After a short pause let the Leader continue in Prayer; saying,*

WE confess to Thee, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy fear, and give us grace to amend our lives according to Thy Word, for the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NOW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory and dominion in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

THE BEATITUDES.

¶ *This Order may be used as a separate Service: or in place of the Sunday Service, down to the Hymn before the Sermon.*

¶ *After the Singing of*

A Hymn

¶ *Let the Leader read the* Sentences, *the company answering him.*

Leader. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

Answer. *Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.*

Leader. Therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you, and therefore will He be exalted that He may have mercy upon you.

Answer. *Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.*

¶ *Then the Leader shall say,*

Let us pray.

The Invocation.

MERCIFUL God, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light into our hearts, that we may discern the spiritual laws of Thy kingdom, and graciously incline us to a true obedience that we may not only hear, but also receive, these heavenly blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Leader shall read* The Beatitudes *of the Lord Jesus; and the company shall after every Beatitude, humbly ask God that it may be fulfilled in their hearts.*

BLESSED are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain this blessing.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain this blessing.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain this blessing.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain this blessing.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain this blessing.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain this blessing.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain this blessing.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Grant unto us Thy Holy Spirit, O God, and enable us to obtain all these blessings, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *After a short pause, let the Leader continue in Prayer; saying,*

GLORY be to Thee, O Christ, who hast opened the kingdom of heaven unto the poor in spirit, and given power to them that believe in Thee to become the sons of God. Deliver us, O Lord, in Thy great mercy, from all the secret sins that hinder us from true blessedness. Strengthen us to keep Thy counsels of perfection, and to walk in the way of Thy commandments. And grant unto us that peace which the world can neither give nor take away, that at the last we may come unto Thee in glory, O Thou most blessed Lord Jesus, our only Saviour. *Amen.*

NOW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory and dominion in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR

THE CELEBRATION OF THE COMMUNION OR SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

¶ *When the time is come for administration, the Minister shall say,*

DEARLY beloved, as we draw near to the Lord's Supper to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us consider earnestly our great need of having our comfort and strength so renewed in this our earthly pilgrimage and warfare; and especially how necessary it is that we come unto the Lord's Table with knowledge, faith, repentance, love, and with hearts hungering and thirsting after Christ. Not unto those who live willingly in transgression and offenses, holding fellowship with hatred, malice, or impurity; nor unto those who cherish pride and self-righteousness in their hearts, trusting secretly in their own works and merits, are these benefits of Christ offered. But all that are truly sorry for their sins and would be delivered from the burden of them, all that humbly put their trust in Christ, and desire His grace that they may lead a holy life, are invited and encouraged in His Name to come to this Sacrament. Let us therefore so come that we may find refreshing and rest unto our souls.

¶ *Then let the company sing*

A HYMN.

¶ *The Table, on which the elements are placed, being decently covered, the bread in convenient dishes, and the wine in cups, and the Communicants orderly and gravely sitting around the Table (or in their seats before it) in the presence of the Minister, he shall say,*

BELOVED in the Lord, attend to the Words of the Institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by the Apostle Paul: "I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you,

That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come."

And now, in His Name, I take these elements

(¶ *Here the Minister may lay his hand upon the plate and the cup*)

to be set apart by prayer and thanksgiving to the holy use for which He has appointed them.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the blood of Thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and a living way into the holiest of all; Cleanse our minds, we beseech Thee, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that, drawing near unto Thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, we may receive these Thy gifts without sin, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose once offering up of Himself, by Himself, upon the cross, once for all, we commemorate before Thee; We beseech Thee to accept this our spiritual oblation of all possible praise for the same. And here we offer and present, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, acceptable unto Thee through Jesus Christ Thy Son:

And we most humbly beseech Thee, Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, to vouchsafe Thy gracious presence, and the effectual working of Thy Spirit in us, and so to sanctify these elements both of Bread and Wine, and to bless Thine own Ordinance; that we may receive by faith Christ crucified for us, and so feed upon Him, that He may be one with us and we with Him; that He

may live in us, and we in Him who hath loved us, and given Himself for us:

Even Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be praise and power, might, majesty, and dominion, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *The Bread and the Wine being thus set apart by Prayer and Thanksgiving, the Minister is to take the Bread, and break it, in view of the company, saying,*

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, having taken Bread, and blessed and broken it, gave it to His disciples; as I, ministering in His Name, give this Bread unto you; saying, Take, eat: this is My Body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

¶ *Then the Minister, who is also himself to communicate, is to give the Bread to be distributed.*

¶ *After having given the Bread, he shall take the Cup and say,*

AFTER the same manner our Saviour also took the Cup; and having given thanks, as hath been done in His Name, He gave it to His disciples, saying, This Cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for many for the remission of sins: drink ye all of it.

¶ *Then the Minister, who is also to partake of the Cup, shall give it to be administered.*

¶ *After all have communicated, the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we most heartily thank Thee for Thy rich mercy and invaluable goodness, vouchsafed to us in this sacred Communion, wherein we have assurance that we are very members of the mystical body of Thy Son, and heirs through hope of Thine everlasting kingdom. And, as we have been made partakers of Christ, so enable us to hold fast that which we have received, that no man may take our crown. Help us, we beseech Thee, to bear about with us continually the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal body; and grant that we may

remain alway in the holy fellowship of all faithful people. *Amen.*

MOST merciful God, we bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who have kept the faith, and, having accomplished their warfare, are at rest with Thee. We pray Thee to enable us so to follow their good example, that we with them may finally be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom, and, at the glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, may behold Him with unveiled face, being changed into His likeness; when He shall present us, with all His Church, faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Hear us, O heavenly Father, for His sake: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the company shall sing*

A Hymn.

¶ *Then the Minister shall pronounce*

The Benediction.

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *After the Benediction it is fitting that the Communicants remain in silent prayer, beseeching God that none may leave His Table without a blessing.*

THE ORDER FOR

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *When all are assembled, the Minister shall begin the Service with one or more of these* SENTENCES.

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

FOR we are strangers before Thee and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

ALL flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

LIKE as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

I AM the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

¶ *Then let one or more of the following* PSALMS *be read, closing with the* Gloria Patri:

PSALM XXXIX. 4–13.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show; surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for: my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth: because thou didst it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength: before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm xc.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place: in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past: and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger: and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee: our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years: yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger: even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O Lord, how long: and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us: and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants: and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalm ciii. 13–18.

LIKE as a father pitieth his children: so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame: he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him: and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant: and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the depths have I cried: unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee: that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait: and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch

for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

Psalm xxiii.

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *If so desired, a Hymn or Anthem may here be sung.*

¶ *Then let the Minister read one of the following* Lessons *from the* Holy Scriptures, *and before the reading let him say,* Hear the Word of God as written for our admonition and comfort.

1 Corinthians xv. 20–28; 35–58.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have

put down all rule, and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised

incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

¶ *Or this:*

St. John xiv. 1–3, 15–20, 25–27; 1 Thessalonians iv. 13, and v. 1–11.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we belleve that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly, that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

¶ *Or this:*

REVELATION XXI. 1–4, 22–27; XXII. 1–7.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven,

saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

¶ *And at the close of the reading from the* Holy Scriptures *the Minister may say,*

THE Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the Name of the Lord.

¶ *If it be thought desirable, an Address may here be made.*

¶ *Then a Hymn may be sung, or may be read by the Minister.*

¶ *Then the company may join with the Minister in their* CONFESSION OF FAITH.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then let the Minister say,*

Let us pray.

¶ *The Minister may use any of the following Prayers, ordering the same with discretion, and having regard unto the present circumstances.*

FOR RESIGNATION.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, who alone art the Author and the Disposer of our life, from whom our spirits have come, and to whom they shall return; We acknowledge Thy sovereign power and right both to give and to take away, as seemeth good in Thy sight; and we most humbly beseech Thee, that unto all Thy righteous dealings we may yield ourselves with due resignation and patience; being assured that though we understand not the mystery of Thy ways, yet always in faithfulness, O Lord, dost Thou afflict us, and for Thy mercy's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THOSE BEREAVED.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Support of the weary, who dost not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men; Look down in tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy

bereaved servants, whose joy is turned into mourning; so that, while they mourn, they may not murmur, or faint under Thy rod; but, remembering all Thy mercies, Thy promises, and Thy love in Christ, may resign themselves meekly into Thy hands, to be taught and disciplined by Thee. Convert them wholly to Thyself, and fill their desolate hearts with Thy love, that they may cleave more closely to Thee, who bringest life out of death, and who canst turn their grief into eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Right Use of Affliction.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this present world in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; that, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of Thy holy Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope; in favour with Thee, our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Memory of the Dead.

O GOD, we pray Thee that the memory of our comrade (*or* comrades),——, ——, ——, ——, fallen in battle, may be ever sacred in our hearts; that the sacrifice which he (*or* they) has (*or* have) offered for our country's cause may be acceptable in Thy sight; and that an entrance into Thine eternal peace may, by Thy pardoning grace, be open unto him (*or* them) through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

For Grace to Imitate the Righteous Dead.

MOST merciful God, we bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who have kept the faith, and, having finished their warfare, are at rest with Thee. We pray Thee to enable us to follow their good example, that we

with them may finally be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom, and, at the glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, may behold Him with unveiled face, being changed into His likeness; when He shall present us, with all His people, faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Hear us, O heavenly Father, for His sake: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For Grace to Follow Christ.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant unto us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee, and awake after Thy likeness; through Thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Endurance unto the End.

O GOD, Thou King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the blessed and only Potentate; May we, who cannot see Thee with the eye of flesh, behold Thee steadfastly with the eye of faith, that we may not faint under the manifold trials and temptations of this mortal life, but endure as seeing Thee who art invisible; and grant that having fulfilled Thy will upon earth, we may behold Thy face in heaven, and be made partakers of those unspeakable joys which Thou hast promised to them who love Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and wait His appearing; for whose sake, we beseech Thee to hear us; and unto whom, with Thee the Father and the Holy Ghost, we ascribe all glory and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *When they are come to the grave, while the Body of the Dead is made ready to be laid therein, let the Minister say,*

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

¶ *Or this:*

I AM the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

¶ *Then, while earth is cast upon the Body by some standing by, the Minister shall say,*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our brother departed, we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose coming in glorious majesty the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the mortal bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

¶ *Then may be said:*

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

¶ *Then the Minister shall offer one of the following* Prayers, *and shall follow it with the* BENEDICTION.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally; We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that at the Resurrection we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and serve Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver them out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

At the Burial of the Dead at Sea.

¶ *The same Order may be used; but the* Words of Committal *shall be as follows:*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our brother departed, we therefore commit his body to the deep; looking for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose coming in glorious majesty the sea shall give up her dead; and the mortal bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

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PRAYERS IN TIME OF WAR.

Morning.

O LORD, our God, without whom we can do nothing, but through whom we can do all things; we implore Thy gracious aid in the duties and trials that await us this day. Help us to be faithful to all trusts, fearless in all dangers, cheerful in all distresses and obedient to discipline. Above all, make us good soldiers of Jesus Christ, following Him whithersoever He may lead us, contending for His cause, and glorying in His cross.

Take us, O God, and all whom we love under Thy heavenly guardianship and protection. Supply all our needs. Deliver us from the evils that surround us. Preserve us from the sins that so easily beset us: and enable us to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of life. For Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Evening.

O GOD, the Strength of all that put their trust in Thee, our Shield in danger, our very present Help in time of trouble; we give Thee thanks that Thou hast kept us in life through another day. Make us mindful that nothing can befall us without Thy divine permission, and give us grace to commit our souls unto Thee as we lie down to sleep. Defend us from all adversities which may befall the body and from all temptations which may assault the soul.

O GOD, who never sleepest, and art never weary, have mercy upon those who watch to-night: on the sentry, that he may be alert; on those who command, that they may be strengthened with counsel; on the sick, that they may obtain sleep; on the wounded, that they may find ease; on the faint-hearted, that they may hope again; on the light-hearted, lest they forget Thee; on the dying, that they may find peace; on the sinful, that they may turn again. And save us, good Lord. *Amen.*

Before a Battle.

ALMIGHTY God, Sovereign Ruler among the nations, who sittest on the throne of the universe judging right, consider our just cause and help Thy servants in the perils of battle. Stir up Thy strength, O God, and come and help us. Give wisdom to our leaders, courage and strength to our men; and turn to flight the forces of the enemy. To Thee we commit our lives, beseeching Thy forgiveness of our many sins and Thy redemption of our souls in Christ Jesus. Comfort us with Thy love: spare us, if it be Thy will, to those that love us; and if not, help us to lay down our lives gladly: in His Name and for His sake who gave His life for us men and our salvation, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After a Battle.

ALMIGHTY God, who in Thy mercy hast covered our heads in the day of battle and saved us from the hands of our enemies; we give Thee remembrance and grateful thanks, and we give our lives anew to Thy service. Because Thou hast been our help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will we rejoice. Because Thou hast delivered our souls from death, we will walk before Thee in the land of the living. Continue to us Thy protection, we beseech Thee, and strengthen our trust in Thee as our God and Father in Christ Jesus. Encourage our hearts as we go forward; crown our arms with speedy and decisive victory: and give to the world the blessing of an honourable and lasting peace. For Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Seamen.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone commandest the winds and the waves, and they obey Thee; we Thine unworthy servants, separated from the dwellings of men, worship Thee the living and true God who hast made the earth and sea; and beholding Thy wonders in the deep, we magnify Thy Name, and ascribe unto Thee dominion and glory for ever.

Vouchsafe to us, O Lord, the continued defense and

bounty of Thy providence. Shield us from dangers seen and unseen. Be Thou our Refuge and our Strength; our very present Help in temptation; our covert from the storms that assail the soul; our Salvation from the sins that so easily beset us. Unto Thee we commit our lives and the great cause to which we have dedicated them. God help us all to honour the flag, to defend the right and to assail the wrong. Give safety to the fleet and victory over our enemies, we beseech Thee; and bless all those we have left at home. For Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Lord Nelson's Prayer before Trafalgar.

MAY the great God whom I worship grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory; and may no misconduct in any one tarnish it; and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature of the fleet. For myself, individually, I commit my life to Him that made me, and may His blessing alight on my endeavours for serving my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend. *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Under the Sea.

Though I sink beneath the sea,
Even here I am with Thee;
Thy right hand still holdeth me;
Still Thy mercy saves.

LORD, who rulest over all, and dost according to Thy will in heaven and in earth and in the sea and in all deep places; vouchsafe unto us who are now traversing the great waters Thy favourable regard and Thy seasonable protection. Teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee and in these dangers to trust in Thee. Though deep should call unto deep, and all Thy waves and billows should go over us, yet do Thou command Thy loving-kindness in the day time and cause Thy song in the night to be with us. Be pleased to grant us safety for our lives and success in our undertakings, and keep our souls and deliver them, since only Thou canst, O Lord, our Strength and our Salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Airmen.

On Thy wings of love upbear
Soul and body, as I dare
All the perils of the air:
Father, hear and save.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast set the firmament in its place; have mercy, we beseech Thee, on us and upon all those who fly in the air. Grant us the assurance of Thy presence when we are amidst the clouds and wonders of the sky, whether in the calm sunshine or surrounded by the thick mists of darkness and storm. And uphold us lest we fall, O God of our righteousness; for Thy mercy is unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Wounded.

O GOD, who art always mindful of Thy children, look down upon me, for I have been strong, and now am brought low. Gladden my heart, I beseech Thee, with the sense of Thy mercy present with me in my affliction, and deliver me from all repinings and from any doubt of Thee. Give me patience to endure suffering, and cheerfulness with those who minister unto me. Help me to bear the burden of sacrifice and to speak the word of consolation, that as I tried to do my duty in action, so I may serve Thee also while I wait. And if it be Thy holy will, restore me to health and strength, I beseech Thee, for Thy mercies' sake. In Thee, O Lord, do I trust, and I lay my sins on Him who was wounded for our transgressions. Thy Name will I remember in my bed, while my flesh shall rest in hope and my soul shall praise Thee. In Jesus' Name. *Amen.*

INTERCESSIONS.

For the President.

O LORD God, our Refuge from one generation to another, we beseech Thee of Thy mercy to bless the President of the United States with Thy heavenly grace, that in all his great burdens and anxieties in this time of war, he may find his strength in Thee and his consolation and support in the loyalty of this people to the high ideals upon

which the nation was founded. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For the Army.

GRANT, Lord, that the officers and men of the army of the United States may be brave in battle, patient in hardship, dauntless in defeat, and gentle in victory. We beseech Thee to take into Thine own hand both them and the cause wherein their country sends them, and to give success to our arms, and to the world the blessings of a righteous peace. In Christ's Name. *Amen.*

For the Navy.

ALMIGHTY God and Sovereign Commander of sea and land, protect our sailors and marines and all the officers of the fleet in which they serve from the dangers of the sea and the violence of the enemy. Nerve them to meet the strain of their responsibility for the welfare of the nations. Make them alert in watching and resistless in fighting, till it shall please Thee to give us rest from the storm of war and to safeguard the freedom of the world. For Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For the Flying Corps.

O THOU who bringest the winds out of Thy treasures, let Thy guiding and protecting hand be about our airmen; and help those who love them to feel that underneath are the Everlasting Arms. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Chaplains.

REMEMBER, O Lord, our chaplains and all those whom Thou hast called to minister to men's souls. Give them great gifts of holiness and love, that in Thy Name they may open the eyes of the blind, strengthen the weak and confirm the strong, comfort those who suffer and speak peace to the dying. Grant by Thy grace that in all their ministrations, in all their life and communications, they may shepherd the souls committed to their care and advance the honour of our Saviour and His kingdom. In His Name we pray. *Amen.*

For the Red Cross.

O GOD, who movest the hearts of men to serve Thee, we thank Thee for all the ministries of the Red Cross. Give power, wisdom and gentleness to our surgeons, physicians, nurses, and all who minister in the hospital and ambulance service, that bearing Thy presence with them, they may not only heal but bless, and shine as lamps of hope in the darkest hours of distress and fear. For Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For the Wounded and Prisoners.

O GOD, who art the Source of all our strength and the Consolation of all our sorrows; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon those wounded in battle and those imprisoned by the enemy, and to visit them with Thy help, according to their need. Enable them to look unto Thee, O most merciful Father, and to find Thee a present Saviour in their time of trouble. And let it please Thee to deliver them in due time, giving them patience under all their sufferings, together with the comforts and good hope of thy grace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Enemy.

GOD of grace, who art ever ready to forgive the sins of those who turn them unto Thee, and hast commanded us not to return evil for evil, but to pray for those who hate us; we beseech Thee to enable us to offer a true prayer for our enemies. Grant, O Lord, that in the stress of battle we be not revengeful or needlessly cruel; that if we bring our brothers to death, it be without hatred, and that the hearts of the enemy may be turned from their hatred of us; and that it may please Thee to unite as many as survive this storm of war, together with all the peoples of the world, in those bonds of good-will and brotherhood, which are in Jesus Christ our Lord: and for His sake, who prayed for those who slew Him, saying, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." *Amen.*

For Home and Friends.

ALMIGHTY God, we commend to Thee our families and our kindred. Dwell in our homes, we beseech Thee; protect our dwellings from all evil, both outwardly and

inwardly, and fill them with peace and holiness. We pray for all who are dear to us, that they may be delivered from all the dangers of this present life, and kept by Thy grace unto salvation. And O, most loving Father, we remember with undying affection those whom death has taken, and who sleep in Jesus. United in one household of faith and love, may we live in the blessed hope, that when the day dawns and the shadows flee away, we shall meet with them and all Thy redeemed, in Thy presence, where there is fulness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For One Who is near to Death.

ETERNAL God, to whom belong the issues of life and death; We implore Thy mercy for Thy servant, [N.,] whose time of departure seemeth to be near at hand. With Thee there is nothing impossible, and Thou canst raise him up even yet, and prolong his earthly pilgrimage, if it be Thy will: but if not, O God, be gracious unto him, and prepare his heart to return to Thee. Give unto him sincere repentance, true faith, abundant forgiveness, and a heavenly hope; suffer him not, in the last hour, for any pain or fear of death, to fall away from Thee; but let Thine everlasting arms be underneath him, and grant him a peaceful departure, and a happy entrance into eternal rest; through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

BRIEF PETITIONS.

For the Spirit of Prayer.

O LORD our God, who alone foreseest and bestowest things needful for our salvation; Do Thou bestow on our souls the hearty desire of imploring Thy mercy, and graciously vouchsafe us what will be for our good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, grant unto us an unceasing perseverance in praying unto Thee; that as Thou dost not forsake us when we are bowed down in tribulation, so Thou mayest cherish us with more abundant grace when we continually beseech Thy Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET the prayers of Thy suppliants, O Lord, come up to the ears of Thy mercy; and that we may obtain what we ask, make us ever to ask what pleases Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HOLY Spirit the Comforter, who, with the Father, and the Son, abidest One God in Trinity; Descend this day into our hearts, that while Thou makest intercession for us, we may with full confidence call upon our Father. *Amen.*

For Penitence.

O LORD God, who despisest not a contrite heart, and forgettest the sin and wickedness of a sinner, in whatsoever hour he doth mourn and lament his old manner of living; Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, true contrition of heart, that we may vehemently despise our sinful life past, and wholly be converted unto Thee, by our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art rich in forgiveness; Grant that we may always hold fast the good things which we receive from Thee, and as often as we fall into sins, may be raised up by repentance; through Thy mercy. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, duly lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Forgiveness.

HAVE compassion, O God, upon Thy servants; seeing that our hearts are grieved for having offended against Thee, and our own consciences condemn us, and we have no refuge save only in Thy mercy, which Thou hast revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, the Fountain of all goodness, who knowest the thoughts of our hearts; We confess unto Thee that we have sinned against Thee, and done evil in Thy sight. Wash us, we beseech Thee, from the stains of our past sins, and give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things; that being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may walk in the path of Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET Thy mercy come upon us, O God, in great fulness, even as our sins against Thee have been many; and may Thy forgiving love overflow all our transgressions, that they may be covered and blotted out, and we may be purified unto newness of life; for the sake of Jesus Christ, who loved us, and died for us. *Amen.*

FORGIVE, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all that we have done amiss, all that we have spoken falsely or in anger, and all that we have thought or purposed against Thy will. Forgive our ignorant and hasty faults, our wilful and deliberate offenses, and all our sins of slothfulness and neglect. Forgive us freely; forgive us graciously; forgive us entirely; in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Faith.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who not only givest every good and perfect gift, but also increasest those gifts Thou hast given; We most humbly beseech Thee to

increase in us the gift of faith, that we may truly believe in Thee, and in Thy promises; and that neither by our negligence or infirmity of the flesh, nor by grievousness of temptation, nor by the subtle crafts and assaults of the devil, we be driven from faith in our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray Thee, to trust in Thee with all our heart; seeing that as Thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so Thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD Jesus Christ, very God and very Man, who changest not, but art holy in all Thy works; Turn away from us the unbelief of a doubtful mind, and fill our hearts with the gifts of Thy grace; that we may believe and know Thee to be very God, who by Thy mighty works art proved to be the Saviour of all. *Amen.*

For Hope.

IT is good for us to hold fast by Thee, O Lord; and do Thou so increase in us the desire of good, that the hope which joins us to Thee may not be shaken by any wavering of faith, but may endure in steadfastness of love. *Amen.*

O GOD, who by Thy Word hast given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; Encourage us by Thy Spirit to a confident expectation of all good things from Thee; that we may abide and labour in the cheerfulness of a godly hope. *Amen.*

For Love.

O GOD, who hast taught us to keep all Thy heavenly commandments by loving Thee and our neighbour; Grant us the spirit of peace and grace, that Thy universal family may be devoted to Thee with their whole heart, and united to each other with a perfect charity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD the Father Almighty, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness, peace, and concord; Do Thou remove the dissensions which divide us from each other, and bring us back into an unity of love, which may bear some likeness to Thy nature. And grant that, being made one in Thee, who art above all, and through all, and in all, we may be kept in the unity of Thy Spirit in the bond of peace; through that peace of Thine which maketh all things peaceful, and through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of Thine only-begotten Son. *Amen.*

O GOD of love, Giver of concord, who hast sent us a new commandment, through Thine only-begotten Son, that we should love one another, even as Thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest Thy Son for our life and salvation; We pray Thee, Lord, give to us Thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, (but especially and preëminently now,) a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren. *Amen.*

For Humility and Patience.

O GOD, who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble; Grant to us that true humility, whereof Thine only-begotten Son hath given in Himself an example to the faithful; that by our foolish pride we may never provoke Thine indignation, but receive the gifts of Thy grace in lowliness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father in heaven, who chastenest every son whom Thou receivest; Grant unto us that with a meek and lowly heart we may endure Thy fatherly corrections, and submit ourselves quietly to Thy wise discipline: so that we may learn obedience by the things which we suffer, and have a place among those who through faith and patience inherit Thy promises. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who dost suffer Thy children to be sorely tried and tempted; Grant that we may bear patiently the troubles of this mortal life, neither rebelling

against Thee, nor turning away from Thine instruction; so that in the end we may be made wise and humble, and obtain the blessing of those who, with patience and fortitude, wait upon the Lord. *Amen.*

For Perseverance.

O GOD, who in Thy loving-kindness dost both begin and finish all good things; Grant that as we glory in the beginnings of Thy grace, so we may rejoice in its completion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast willed that the gate of mercy should stand open to the faithful; Look on us, and have mercy upon us; that we, who by Thy grace are following the path of Thy will, may never turn aside from the ways of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LOOK upon us and hear us, O Lord our God; and assist those endeavours to please Thee which Thou Thyself hast granted to us; as Thou hast given the first act of will, so give the completion of the work; grant that we may be able to finish what Thou hast granted us to wish to begin. *Amen.*

For Purity.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech Thee, that having this hope we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom. *Amen.*

IN Thy mercy and majesty, O Lord, behold Thy household, that they may be neither stained with vices of their own, nor held in bondage by the sins of others; but that being ever freed and cleansed from both, they may do service unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Temperance.

ALMIGHTY God, gracious Father of men and angels, who openest Thine hand and fillest all things with plenty; Teach us to use the gifts of Thy providence soberly and temperately, that our temptations may not be too strong for us, nor our affections sensual and unholy. Grant, O Lord, that the blessings which Thou givest us may neither minister to sin nor to sickness, but to health and holiness and thanksgiving; that in the strength of Thy provision we may faithfully and diligently serve Thee, may worthily feast at Thy Table here, and be accounted worthy to sit down at Thy Table hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST merciful Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wicked ways and live; Have pity, we beseech Thee, upon all miserable captives who are in bondage to drunkenness. Deliver them from the tyranny of that blind and wicked spirit, whereby their lives are confused and defiled, and they are driven into all manner of shameful deeds. Strengthen them to resist their besetting sin, and lead them into the liberty and purity of the sons of God. Direct and bless Thy servants who fight against the cruel dominion of strong drink, according to the precepts of Thy holy religion; and grant that all who minister to intemperance, and all who are entangled in its net, may be converted to a godly, righteous, and sober life; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For a Heavenly Mind.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, always to seek Thy kingdom and righteousness; and of whatsoever Thou seest us to stand in need, mercifully grant us an abundant portion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who dost bid us walk as pilgrims and strangers in this passing world, seeking that abiding city which Thou hast prepared for us in heaven; We pray Thee so to govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we, avoiding all fleshly lusts which war against the soul, and quietly obedient to the rule which Thou hast set over us, may show forth Thy glory before the world by our good works; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O LORD, whose favour is life, and in whose presence there is fulness of peace and joy; Vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, such an abiding sense of the reality and glory of those things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, as may serve to raise us above the vanity of this present world, both in its pleasures and in its necessary trials and pains; so that under Thy guidance and help all things here shall work together for our everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Guidance.

O THOU great Shepherd of Israel, who, by Thine outstretched arm, didst bring Thy people of old out of the land of Egypt and the house of bondage, guiding them safely through the wilderness to the promised land; We pray Thee to deliver us from the bondage and slavery of our sins, and so to lead us through the wilderness of this world, feeding us with bread from heaven, and with water out of the smitten rock, and upholding us amid the swellings of Jordan, that we may enter at last into that rest which remaineth for Thy faithful people. *Amen.*

JESUS, our Master, do Thou meet us while we walk in the way, and long to reach the better country; so that following Thy light, we may keep the path of righteousness, and never wander into the darkness of this world's night, while Thou, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, art guiding us. *Amen.*

For Protection.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

INTO Thy hands we commit ourselves, O God. We say of the Lord: Thou art our refuge, our present help in time of trouble; our hiding-place from the wind and covert from the tempest; our God, in Thee will we trust; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Anything Desired According to the Will of God.

LORD, if it be Thy will, let this come to pass: Lord, if it be for Thy glory, so be it in Thy Name. Lord, if Thou seest this is well for us and useful, then grant it unto us to use for Thine honour: But if Thou knowest it to be harmful and of no profit, then take from us the longing. Lord, Thou knowest in what way it is better: Let this or that be as Thou wilt. Give unto us what Thou wilt, how much Thou wilt, and when Thou wilt. Do with us as Thou wilt, put us where Thou wilt, deal freely with us every day. We are in Thy hand: Behold, we are Thy ser-

vants. We would not live unto ourselves but unto Thee: O that we could do so worthily and perfectly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Grace to Live.

O GOD, who, by the example of Thy dear Son, hast warned us that we should work Thy works while it is day, before the night cometh, when no man can work; Keep us from sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of those talents which Thou hast committed to our trust. Enable us to perform the several duties of our state and calling with such care and diligence that our work may never be reproved in Thy sight; and forasmuch as the needful business of this life is apt to steal away our hearts from Thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in heaven, and to do everything in singleness of heart, as unto Thee and not unto men, that of Thee we may receive the reward of the inheritance which Thou hast promised in Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldest have us to do; that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Grace to Die.

O GOD, who holdest our souls in life, and hast appointed unto all men once to die; Grant that when our last hour cometh, and the time of our earthly sojourn is ended, we may neither be troubled nor dismayed; but being satisfied with Thy goodness and mercy, we may commend our spirits to Thy care; and firmly trusting in the merits of Thy Son, our Saviour, we may obtain a peaceful death and a happy entrance into glory. And this we beg for the sake of Him who died for us that we might live with Thee for ever. *Amen.*

THE PSALTER.

SELECTION 1.

PSALM 1.

1 BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners: nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 18 : 25–35.

7 WITH the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful: with an upright man thou wilt show thyself upright;

8 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure: and with the froward thou wilt show thyself froward.

9 For thou wilt save the afflicted people: but wilt bring down high looks.

10 For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

11 For by thee I have run through a troop: and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

12 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried; he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

13 For who is God save the Lord: or who is a rock save our God?

14 It is God that girdeth me with strength: and maketh my way perfect.

15 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

16 He teacheth my hands to war: so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

17 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

SELECTION 2.

PSALM 19.

1 THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech: and night unto night showeth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language: where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world: In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber: and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors: cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of

my heart, be acceptable in thy sight: O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

SELECTION 3.

PSALM 20.

1 THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart: and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed: he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM 23.

10 THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

11 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

12 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

13 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

14 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

15 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SELECTION 4.

PSALM 25.

1 UNTO thee, O Lord: do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
4 Show me thy ways, O Lord: teach me thy paths.
5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.
7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.
8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.
10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
11 For thy name's sake, O Lord: pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.
12 What man is he that feareth the Lord: him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
13 His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the earth.
14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: and he will show them his covenant.
15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.
18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.
19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many: and they hate me with cruel hatred.
20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

SELECTION 5.

PSALM 27.

1 THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me: then the Lord will take me up.

11 Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I had fainted: unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

SELECTION 6.

PSALM 31 : 1–5, 15–16, 19–24.

1 IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed; deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me.

3 For thou art my rock and my fortress: therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

6 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

7 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

8 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee: which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

9 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

10 Blessed be the Lord: for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

11 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

12 O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

13 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart: all ye that hope in the Lord.

PSALM 28 : 6–9.

14 BLESSED be the Lord: because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

15 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart

trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

16 The Lord is their strength: and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

17 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

SELECTION 7.

PSALM 33 : 6–22.

1 BY the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

2 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

3 Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

4 For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

5 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

6 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever: the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

7 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

8 The Lord looketh from heaven: he beholdeth all the sons of men.

9 From the place of his habitation: he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

10 He fashioneth their hearts alike: he considereth all their works.

11 There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

12 A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

13 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him: upon them that hope in his mercy;

14 To deliver their soul from death: and to keep them alive in famine.

15 Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

16 For our heart shall rejoice in him: because we have trusted in his holy name.

17 Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us: according as we hope in thee.

SELECTION 8.

PSALM 44 : 1–8.

1 WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us: what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them: how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow: neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies: and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long: and praise thy name for ever.

PSALM 46.

9 GOD is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

10 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

11 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled: though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

12 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

13 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

14 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

15 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

16 Come, behold the works of the Lord: what desolations he hath made in the earth.

17 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth: he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

18 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

19 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SELECTION 9.

PSALM 93.

1 THE Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters: yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

PSALM 107 : 23–31.

6 THEY that go down to the sea in ships: that do business in great waters;

7 These see the works of the Lord: and his wonders in the deep.

8 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind: which lifteth up the waves thereof.

9 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

10 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man: and are at their wit's end.

11 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

12 He maketh the storm a calm: so that the waves thereof are still.

13 Then are they glad because they be quiet: so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
14 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness: and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

SELECTION 10.

PSALM 121.

1 I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
2 My help cometh from the Lord: which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6 The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 124.

9 IF it had not been the Lord who was on our side: now may Israel say;
10 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side: when men rose up against us:
11 Then they had swallowed us up quick: when their wrath was kindled against us.
12 Then the waters had overwhelmed us: the stream had gone over our soul:
13 Then the proud waters: had gone over our soul.
14 Blessed be the Lord: who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
15 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.
16 Our help is in the name of the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

SELECTION 11.

PSALM 139 : 1–12, 14–18.

1 O LORD: thou hast searched me, and known me.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising: thou understandest my thought afar off.
3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down: and art acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word in my tongue: but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
5 Thou hast beset me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit: or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me: even the night shall be light about me.
12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
13 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
14 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret: and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect: and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
16 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God: how great is the sum of them!
17 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

SELECTION 12.

PSALM 144.

1 BLESSED be the Lord my strength: which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight;

2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer: my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3 Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him: or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

4 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above: rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity: and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children: whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth: that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out: that there be no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

ANCIENT HYMNS AND CANTICLES.

I.

Venite, Exultemus Domino.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before His Presence with thanksgiving: and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is the Lord our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with His truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

II.

Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine adorable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints: in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magnify Thee;
And we worship Thy Name: ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord let Thy mercy be upon us: as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

III.

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high: and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee: we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King: God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

That takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world: receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father: have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy: Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost: art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

IV.

Magnificat.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded: the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel: as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

V.

Benedictus.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

VI.

Nunc Dimittis.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

VII.

Benedic, Anima Mea.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise His holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His word.

O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

VIII.

Deus Misereatur.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That Thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

HYMNS.

(*Arranged alphabetically.*)

1 10s.

ABIDE with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

5 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes:
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry F. Lyte, 1847.

2 C. M.

ALL hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

4 O that, with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet, 1779–80.

3 C. M.

AM I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His Name?

2 Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?

3 Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

4 Sure I must fight if I would reign:
Increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy word.

5 Thy saints, in all this glorious war,
Shall conquer, though they die;
They view the triumph from afar,
And seize it with their eye.

Isaac Watts, 1724.

4 8s and 7s.

COURAGE, brother! do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble;
"Trust in God, and do the right."

2 Let the road be rough and dreary,
And its end far out of sight,
Foot it bravely, strong or weary;
Trust in God, and do the right.

3 Perish, policy and cunning!
Perish all that fears the light!
Whether losing, whether winning,
Trust in God, and do the right.

4 Simple rule, and safest guiding,
Inward peace, and inward might,
Star upon our path abiding—
"Trust in God, and do the right."

5 Courage, brother! do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble;
"Trust in God, and do the right."

Norman McLeod, 1857.

5 8s.

ETERNAL Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O Sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who badd'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest life and light and peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And ever let there rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting, 1860.

6 11s and 4.

FOR all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

W. Walsham How, 1864.

7 9.8.8.9, with Refrain.

GOD be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still divide you,
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, etc.

3 God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you,
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, etc.

4 God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you,
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, etc.

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1882.

8 11s.

HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said—
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

2 Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;
I, I am Thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

4 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

"K," in Rippon's "Selection," 1787.

9 7s and 6s, with Refrain.

I LOVE to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else could do.
I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

2 I love to tell the story;
More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
Of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
It did so much for me;
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.
I love to tell, etc.

3 I love to tell the story;
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.
I love to tell, etc.

Katherine Hankey, 1866.

10 7s. 8 lines.

JESUS, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name;
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley, 1740.

11 8s and 7s.

JESUS calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

2 As, of old, apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for His dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love Me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thy obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander, 1852.

12 7s. 6 lines.

JESUS, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass came from Thee:
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will
When Thou sayest to them, "Be still."
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Edward Hopper, 1871.

13 8.8.8. and 6.

JUST as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am! Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott, 1836.

14 L. M.

LORD, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces of the sky,
Be with them traversing the air
In darkening storm or sunshine fair.

2 Thou who dost keep with tender might
The balanced birds in all their flight,
Thou of the tempered winds be near,
That, having Thee, they know no fear.

3 Aloft in solitudes of space
Uphold them with Thy saving grace;
O God, protect the men who fly
Through lonely ways beneath the sky.

Mary D. C. Hamilton.

15

15s and 6.

MINE eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightnings of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

2 I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.

3 I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with My contemners so with you My grace shall deal.
Let the Hero born of woman crush the serpent with His heel,
Since God is marching on."

4 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

5 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Julia Ward Howe, 1861.

16 6s and 4s.

MY country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

2 My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

3 Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

4 Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

Samuel F. Smith, 1832.

17 6s and 4s.

MY faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour Divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine.

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be,
A living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

Ray Palmer, 1830.

18 6s and 4s.

NEARER, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
Even though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

2 Though, like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

3 There let the way appear,
Steps unto heaven:
All that Thou send'st to me
In mercy given:
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

4 Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

Sarah F. Adams, 1841.

19 C. M.

O GOD of truth, whose living Word
Upholds whate'er hath breath,
Look down on Thy creation, Lord,
Enslaved by sin and death.

2 Set up Thy standard, Lord, that we
Who claim a heavenly birth,
May march with Thee to smite the lies
That vex Thy groaning earth.

3 Ah! would we join that blest array,
And follow in the might
Of Him, the Faithful and the True,
In raiment clean and white!

4 We fight for truth, we fight for God—
Poor slaves of lies and sin!
He who would fight for Thee on earth
Must first be true within.

5 Then, God of truth for whom we long,
Thou who wilt hear our prayer,
Do Thine own battle in our hearts,
And slay the falsehood there.

Thomas Hughes, 1859.

20

7s and 6s.

O JESUS, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

2 O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will:
O speak to re-assure me, to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow my Master and my Friend.

John E. Bode, 1868.

21

7s and 6s.

O JESUS, Thou art standing outside the fast-closed door,
In lowly patience waiting to pass the threshold o'er:
Shame on us, Christian brothers, His Name and sign who bear,
O shame, thrice shame upon us, to keep Him standing there!

2 O Jesus, Thou art knocking; and lo, that hand is scarred,
And thorns Thy brow encircle, and tears Thy face have marred:
O love that passeth knowledge, so patiently to wait!
O sin that hath no equal, so fast to bar the gate!

3 O Jesus, Thou art pleading in accents meek and low,
"I died for you, My children, and will ye treat Me so?"
O Lord, with shame and sorrow, we open now the door;
Dear Saviour, enter, enter, and leave us nevermore.

W. Walsham How, 1867.

22 C. M.

O LORD, be with us when we sail
Upon the lonely deep,
Our Guard, when on the silent deck
The midnight watch we keep.

2 The calm, the breeze, the gale, the storm,
That pass from land to land,
All, all are Thine, are held within
The hollow of Thy hand.

3 If duty calls from threatened strife
To guard our native shore,
And shot and shell are answering
The booming cannon's roar,

4 Be Thou the Mainguard of our host,
Till war and dangers cease;
Defend the right, put up the sword,
And through the world make peace.

5 Across this troubled tide of life
Thyself our Pilot be,
Until we reach that better land,
That land that knows no sea.

Edward A. Dayman, 1865.

23 L. M.

O LORD of hosts, Almighty King,
Behold the sacrifice we bring:
To every arm Thy strength impart;
Thy Spirit shed through every heart.

2 Wake in our breasts the living fires,
The holy faith that warmed our sires:
Thy hand hath made our nation free;
To die for her is serving Thee.

3 Be Thou a pillared flame to show
The midnight snare, the silent foe;
And when the battle thunders loud,
Still guide us in its moving cloud.

4 God of all nations, Sovereign Lord,
In Thy dread Name we draw the sword,
We lift the starry flag on high
That fills with light our stormy sky.

5 From treason's rent, from murder's stain,
Guard Thou its folds till peace shall reign,
Till fort and field, till shore and sea,
Join our loud anthem—Praise to Thee.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1861.

24 6s and 5s, with Refrain.

ONWARD, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before:
Christ, the Royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See, His banners go.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

2 At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
On to victory:
Hell's foundations quiver
At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
Loud your anthems raise.

3 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope, in doctrine,
One in charity.

4 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail.

Sabine Baring-Gould, 1865.

25 Irregular.

O SAY, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare,
The bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there!
O say, does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

2 On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam
Of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream!
'Tis the Star-spangled Banner: O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

3 O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!

Then conquer we must,
When our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God Is Our Trust!"
And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Frances Scott Key, 1814.

26 C. M.

OUR God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home:

2 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

3 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

4 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

5 Our God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while troubles last,
And our eternal Home.

Isaac Watts, 1719.

27 7s. 6 lines.

ROCK of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfil Thy laws' demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776.

28 S. M.

SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His Eternal Son.

2 Strong in the Lord of hosts
And in His mighty power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

3 Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
But take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.

4 From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.

Charles Wesley, 1749.

29 7s and 6s.

STAND up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss:
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day:
Ye that are men, now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song:
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

George Duffield, 1858.

30 L. M.

SUN of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if Thou be near;
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

2 When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
For ever on my Saviour's breast.

3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die.

4 If some poor wandering child of Thine
Have spurned to-day the voice Divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
Let him no more lie down in sin.

5 Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
With blessings from Thy boundless store;
Be every mourner's sleep to-night,
Like infants' slumbers, pure and light.

6 Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take,
Till in the ocean of Thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

John Keble, 1820.

31

C. M.

THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for His own Name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter, 1650.

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7s and 6s, and 7.5.

THE sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
The fair sweet morn awakes;
Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
But day-spring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

2 The King there in His beauty
Without a veil is seen;
It were a well-spent journey,
Though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

3 O Christ, He is the Fountain,
The deep sweet Well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fulness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

Anne R. Cousin, 1857.

33 C. M. D.

THE Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink his cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in His train.

2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his Master in the sky,
And called on Him to save:
Like Him, with pardon on his tongue
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong:
Who follows in his train?

3 A glorious band, the chosen few
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame:
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death to feel:
Who follows in their train?

4 A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Saviour's throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed:
They climbed the steep ascent of heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain:
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train.

Reginald Heber, publ. 1827.

34 8s and 7s.

WHAT a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our Refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven.